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## US-41 partially reopened after flooding; M-26, M-203 remain closed

June 17, 2018 - - US-41 has partially reopened after heavy rains and flooding in Houghton County forced several road closures this morning. Other closures remain in effect as repair efforts continue.

- US-41 between Chassell and Houghton has suffered pavement damage and multiple shoulder washouts. The route is now open but limited to one lane in each direction in some areas. Temporary traffic signals are in use near Denton Road and north of the Pilgrim River bridge. Multiple repair locations with uneven gravel surfaces require reduced speeds. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution when driving through the area and pay attention to changing weather and road surface conditions.
- M-203 remains closed at Brooks Road with multiple washouts and mudslides between Hancock and Calumet. A large culvert at Swedetown Creek completely washed out, forcing the road closure. Local traffic has access; however there are single-lane areas and M-203 will remain closed to through traffic. US-41 between Hancock and Calumet remains open.
- M-26 remains closed between Tamarack and Dollar Bay due to water over the road and the washout of a large culvert.
- M-26 remains closed near the Mont Ripley ski hill. Flooding caused major damage in Ripley near the ski hill with extensive debris on the road forcing closure.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) continues to monitor the roadways in the area and contractors are working to repair flood damage. MDOT will continue to evaluate and monitor the situation.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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